

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1586 – HB 1716

March 5, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts any person engaged in farm operations from state or federal rules and regulations, if that person does not participate in state or federal agriculture programs for the receipt of funds or subsidies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$5,000/One-Time
\$72,400/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Agriculture, specific federal and state information would have to be obtained on Tennessee farmers. This information is currently not tracked by the Department. This information would confirm whether or not the farmer has received federal or state aid in the past. Currently, the Environmental Working Group maintains a web site that tracks persons who receive federal farm subsidies; however, the data on this site is two years old and will have to be confirmed for accuracy.
- Two additional Administrative Services Assistant 2 positions would be required to obtain and analyze the necessary data. The recurring increase to state expenditures for the two additional positions is estimated to be \$72,357.60 (\$50,640 salary + \$17,217.60 benefits + \$3,000 supplies and communications + \$1,500 F & A billing).
- One-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$5,000 for two computers and a printer.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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